

Please read this entire information sheet before completing the application.

■ **WHAT IS THE EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITY GRANT?**

The Educational Opportunity Grant (EOG) program provides \$2,500 grants to financially needy, placebound Washington residents as an incentive to complete a four-year degree at an eligible four-year college. The grant's purpose is to encourage students who have already earned an Associate of Arts or Sciences Degree, or have achieved junior standing, to complete a four-year degree.

■ **WHO IS ELIGIBLE?**

Students who meet the following criteria will be considered for the grant:

- Have placebound circumstances. The program defines placebound as having personal barriers, such as family or employment commitments, health concerns, financial inability, or other similar factors, that make it difficult to continue an education at a four-year college. In general, placebound students either have to relocate or are unable to relocate to attend college due to personal barriers.
- Be a Washington resident.
- Have at least junior standing before your first term of enrollment by either completing an Associate of Arts or Sciences Degree, or earned credits.
- Have financial need, as determined by the financial aid office at the college you plan to attend.
- Be a junior or senior *transfer* student in 2006-2007. You cannot receive EOG to continue at your current college.

■ **WHAT FOUR-YEAR COLLEGES ARE ELIGIBLE?**

Four-year colleges currently meeting the program's requirements are:

Antioch University	Heritage University	University of Washington
Bastyr University	Northwest University	Walla Walla College
Central Washington University	Pacific Lutheran University	Washington State University
Cornish College of the Arts	Saint Martin's University	Western Washington University
Eastern Washington University	Seattle Pacific University	Whitman College
The Evergreen State College	Seattle University	Whitworth College
Gonzaga University	University of Puget Sound	

The college you plan to attend must not require you to be involved in any educational program that includes any religious worship, exercise or instruction.

■ **HOW MUCH WILL I RECEIVE IF I AM AWARDED?**

The typical award is \$2,500 for the full academic year (Fall through Spring). If you attend less than the full academic year, your award will be adjusted downward. You will receive the EOG in addition to other forms of financial aid if your financial need is *not* met by those other forms of financial aid. If your financial need is fully met by other forms of financial aid, then the EOG will replace *student loans*, not grants or scholarships. If your financial need is less than \$2,500, due to grants and scholarships, your EOG will be adjusted downward.

■ **HOW LONG CAN I RECEIVE THE GRANT?**

Program funding is limited to six-quarters or four-semesters. If you have extenuating circumstances that prevent you from completing your Bachelor's Degree at the end of six-quarters or four-semesters, you may petition for up to an additional two terms.

▪ **HOW DO I CONTINUE TO RECEIVE MY GRANT?**

You do not need to submit additional paper work to the Higher Education Coordinating Board (HECB). As long as you have terms of eligibility remaining, and your financial aid office can verify your continued eligibility, your grant will be renewed. Please contact your financial aid office for further information on continuing your award.

▪ **HOW DO I SUBMIT MY APPLICATION?**

Submit your completed Part A & Part B to the HECB. Submit Part C to the financial aid office at the four-year college you plan to attend immediately, so they have sufficient time to complete it. The financial aid office will forward your completed Part C directly to the HECB. If you apply to more than one college, please submit one complete application for each college that you are considering.

▪ **WHEN IS THE DEADLINE TO APPLY?**

The HECB must *receive* all three parts (A, B, & C) of your complete application by the deadline stated below, as it relates to the first term you intend to enroll at a four-year college.

- ◆ **Fall quarter/semester 2006:** September 1, 2006.
- ◆ **Winter quarter/Spring semester 2007:** January 1, 2007.
- ◆ **Spring quarter 2007:** April 1, 2007.
- ◆ **Summer quarter/semester:** June 1, 2007.

▪ **HOW WILL RECIPIENTS BE SELECTED?**

Complete applications will be reviewed continuously, beginning April 1, 2006 until June 1, 2007, as long as funds remain available. Priority will go to the earliest complete applications. Applications are scored based on each student's placebound status and financial need.

▪ **HOW WILL I BE NOTIFIED OF THE RESULTS OF MY APPLICATION?**

After your complete application has been reviewed, we will mail you the results. We will also notify your college.

▪ **HOW DO I REMAIN ELIGIBLE?**

You will remain eligible within the six-quarter or four-semester award period as long as the college you attend can certify that you continue to be in good standing, which includes making satisfactory academic progress.

▪ **PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING:**

- ◆ Awards are **provisional** until colleges can confirm student eligibility just prior to disbursement of funds.
- ◆ Program funding and program eligibility criteria depend upon legislative provisions and appropriation.

▪ **AGENCY CONTACTS**

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**WASHINGTON STATE
EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITY GRANT
2006–2007 APPLICATION**

HECB USE ONLY

Fall 06 _____
Winter 07 _____
Spring 07 _____
Summer 07 _____

INSTRUCTIONS: This application consists of three parts: **You must complete Parts A and B**, typed or legibly written in ink, and return them to the Higher Education Coordinating Board (HECB). Send Part C to the financial aid office at the eligible four-year college you plan to attend. They will complete Part C and forward it to the HECB for processing. **(You must complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and the admissions process before your financial aid office can complete Part C.)** If you are considering more than one college at this time, please complete a separate application for each college.

DEADLINE: While funds remain available, complete applications will be reviewed on a first-come, first-served basis beginning April 1, 2006 and ending June 1, 2007. (Please refer to the Information Sheet for specific deadlines related to the term you intend to enroll at an eligible four-year college.)

PART A – TO BE COMPLETED BY STUDENT

1. Name: _____ / _____ / _____
Last First Middle
2. SSN: _____ - _____ - _____
3. Birthdate: ____ / ____ / ____ Male ☐ Female ☐ 4. Phone: (____) _____
5. E-Mail address: _____
6. 2006-2007 terms of enrollment (Mark ALL that apply): Fall 2006 ☐ Winter 2007 ☐ Spring 2007 ☐ Summer 2007 ☐
7. Permanent residence: _____
Street City State Zip
8. Mailing address: _____
(if different) Street City State Zip
9. Date you became a legal resident of Washington: _____ / _____
(If you have always lived in this state, use your date of birth.) Month Year
10. Indicate the college(s) you are considering attending, in order of preference, during the 2006-2007 academic year.

College	Main Campus	Branch Campus / Extended Learning Center
		<i>(Please list site)</i>
1) _____	<input type="checkbox"/> OR <input type="checkbox"/>	_____
2) _____	<input type="checkbox"/> OR <input type="checkbox"/>	_____
3) _____	<input type="checkbox"/> OR <input type="checkbox"/>	_____

YOU MAY NOT USE THIS GRANT TO CONTINUE AT YOUR CURRENT COLLEGE.

11. List **all** colleges you have attended (including present) in the space below.

<u>College</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Dates Attended</u>	<u>Degree</u>	<u>Degree Date</u>
(Attach an additional sheet, if necessary.)				

12. Academic major: _____

13. Estimated baccalaureate graduation date: _____

14. Planned enrollment status for 2006-2007: Full-Time ☐ Other ☐ _____
(Explain)

15. Amount of educational loans to date (student loans only, for example, Stafford or Perkins Loans):

Amount borrowed: \$ _____ Current unpaid balance: \$ _____

16. You **must** complete the FAFSA and apply for admission in order for your financial aid office to complete Part C. Check with the financial aid office at the college you plan to attend for further instructions about completing the financial aid process. **If you have Internet access, you may submit a FAFSA on-line at: <http://www.fafsa.ed.gov/>.**

☐ I **have** applied for financial aid.

☐ I **have** applied for admissions.

☐ I **have not** applied for financial aid, but will contact my financial aid office.

RELEASE OF INFORMATION: The HECB may release your name, the college you previously attended, and the names of the college(s) you entered on question #10 to interested parties such as the college you previously attended for the purpose of recognizing the accomplishments of grant recipients. Please check here **ONLY** if you do not wish this information to be released. NO ☐ I do not authorize the HECB to release my information for the purpose of recognition.

STUDENT AGREEMENT: By my signature, I certify that the information contained in Parts A and B of this application is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. Further, I give my consent to the financial aid office at the college I plan to attend to release necessary demographic and financial information to assist in the Higher Education Coordinating Board's administration of the program. I certify that, according to the definition provided and to my answers on Part B, I am a placebound citizen. During the entire period I receive the Educational Opportunity Grant, I understand that I cannot pursue a degree in theology or be required by my college to be involved in any program or class that includes any religious worship, exercise or instruction.

Signature

Date

Print Name

Send completed Parts A and B to:

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PART B – PLACEBOUND CIRCUMSTANCES

For the Educational Opportunity Grant program, **placebound** is defined as:

Personal barriers, such as; family or employment commitments, health concerns, financial inability, or other similar factors, that make it difficult to continue an education at a four-year college. In general, placebound students either have to relocate or are unable to relocate to attend college due to personal barriers.

Please mark the “Yes” or “No” box by each statement as it applies to your plans to attend a four-year college. Explain special circumstances on the reverse side.

Y N

- ☐ ☐ I am the caregiver for an elderly or disabled family member. (Explain in detail on reverse side.)
- ☐ ☐ I will continue to work at my current job.
- ☐ ☐ I own the home I currently reside in.
- ☐ ☐ I will be moving out of the area, approximately _____ miles, to attend college.
- ☐ ☐ I am returning to college this term after an absence of one or more years.
- ☐ ☐ I have a documented medical condition that requires continued care by my local doctor.
- ☐ ☐ Family or friends will assist me with childcare while I am in college.
- ☐ ☐ My spouse will be continuing in a permanent job.
- ☐ ☐ There are no public or private four-year colleges within reasonable commuting distance of my current residence (approximately one hour or 50 miles).
- ☐ ☐ My dependent(s) has a documented medical condition that requires continued care by a local doctor.
- ☐ ☐ I will continue to live in my current government-subsidized, low-income housing. (Does not include dormitories.)
- ☐ ☐ The four-year college I am applying to offers an academic/degree program not available within commuting distance of my current residence (approximately one hour or 50 miles). The degree program is _____.
- ☐ ☐ My child(ren) will be enrolled in the same daycare or school as at present.
- ☐ ☐ The cost of moving has prevented me from going to a four-year college out of the area.

Name: _____ Social Security Number: _____ - _____ - _____
(Please Print)

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STUDENT ID # _____

PART C – FINANCIAL AID WORKSHEET

Student Instructions: Fill in your name and Social Security Number and forward Part C to the financial aid office at the four-year college you plan to attend. If you are considering more than one college at this time, copy this form and send it to each financial aid office.

Name: _____ / _____ / _____ SSN: _____ - _____ - _____
(Last) (First) (MI)

Financial Aid Office Instructions: Part C information must be based on the student's FAFSA data. Information on Part C will be used to determine student eligibility and to supplement the demographic database for recipient profiles. Complete applications will be continuously reviewed for eligibility while funds remain.

Deadline to receive complete applications: Fall quarter/semester - September 1, 2006; Winter quarter/Spring semester - January 1, 2007; Spring quarter - April 1, 2007; or Summer quarter/semester - June 1, 2007.

***** FOR FINANCIAL AID OFFICE USE ONLY *****

1. Budget:

- A. Type: _____ Dependent, lives with parents
_____ Dependent, lives away from parents
_____ Independent, unmarried, no dependents
_____ Independent, unmarried with dependents
_____ Independent, married, no other dependents
_____ Independent, married with dependents

B. Budget duration, if less than nine months: _____

C. Budget amount: \$ _____, _____

2. Family income: (Annual taxed and untaxed income upon which the EFC is calculated.)

- A. Parent income (if dependent student): \$ _____, _____
B. Student income (if dependent or independent): \$ _____, _____
C. Spouse's income (if married): \$ _____, _____

3. Expected Family Contribution: \$ _____, _____

4. Financial need based on budget: \$ _____, _____

5. Family size: _____ Number in college: _____

6. Washington resident: Yes: _____ No: _____ If student is not a Washington resident, but anticipates residency during the academic year, which term? _____

7. Class standing: Students must have received an Associate of Arts or Sciences Degree or achieved junior standing in order to receive an Educational Opportunity Grant.

A. Associate of Arts or Sciences Degree: Yes: _____ No: _____ Unknown at this time: _____

B. Class standing at beginning of the student's initial term of enrollment during the 2006-2007 academic year:
Junior: _____ Senior: _____

C. If neither, when do you anticipate the student will receive an Associate of Arts or Sciences Degree or achieve junior standing? By the beginning of _____ quarter/semester, 2006-2007.

8. Ethnicity: ___ White/Caucasian ___ Asian/Pacific Islander ___ Black/African American
 ___ American Indian ___ Eskimo ___ Hispanic/Spanish
 ___ Other ___ Aleut ___ Unknown/Unavailable

9. Comments: (Please add anything that would help clarify the student's status. For example; lack of sufficient transfer credits, lack of admission status, re-determination of need, selected for verification, or current student.)

10. By my signature, I certify that the information contained and requested in Part C of this application is true and complete to the best of my knowledge.

Signature of financial aid administrator

Date

Print name

Institution